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COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)  
PROJECT NOMINATION SUBMITTAL

Project Title: Rabbit Island

Entity/Individual Nominating: Cameron Parish Police Jury

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Total CIAP Funds Requested: \$3,500,000

Infrastructure Funds Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and Location of Project: Calcasieu-Sabine Basin, located at Rabbit Island, Wst Cove Calcasieu Lake, in the southwestern portion of Calcasieu Lake

Add sediment and revetment to Rabbit Island building it into a higher island suitable for nesting birds.

Project Type (from CIAP fund uses): Conservation, restoration and protection of coastal area, including wetland. Mitigation of the impacts of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Project Justification: Rabbit Island has subsided over time, partially due to increased tidal amplitudes from the Calcasieu Ship Channel. It is a vital shorebird nesting colony. Nesting attempts are often destroyed due to the increased flooding of the island. The first brown pelicans were seen there in 2001 or 2002 and they are now nesting annually.

Project Cost Share: Parish CIAP Match \$81,000; State CIAP Match \$3,419,000



